

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:

[0004] Cyclones have been used for effective solid particle separation from fluids. FIG. 1 shows a cutaway view of a typical cyclone. The illustrated cyclone is a product of KREBS® Engineers of Tucson, Arizona (~~www.krebs.com~~). During operation, the feed slurry enters the cyclone under pressure through the feed pipe into the top of the cylindrical feed chamber. As the feed enters the chamber, a rotation of the slurry inside the cyclone begins, causing centrifugal forces to accelerate the movement of the particles toward the outer wall. The particles migrate downward in a spiral pattern through the cylindrical section and into the conical section.